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MEDIA ADVISORY: SITE SEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING ON 5/2/05 TO FINALIZE RECOMMENDATION FOR PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS

EMERYVILLE, CA— Next Monday, the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) Site Search Subcommittee will meet to discuss the visits to the four finalist sites and vote on a recommendation and runner-up for permanent headquarters to bring before the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (ICOC) on May 6th in Fresno.

This meeting will be chaired by Bob Klein at UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento.

WHO: Site Search Subcommittee, (ICOC)

WHAT: The Subcommittee will discuss their site visits in each of the four finalist

cities, first announced at its April 13th meeting. Agendas for all site visits can

be found on the CIRM Web site (http://www.cirm.ca.gov/meetings/)

WHEN: MONDAY, MAY 2, 2-4 p.m.

WHERE: UC Davis Medical Center

Room: 3030-C, Ellison Building

Address: 4860 Y Street Sacramento, CA 95817

Pursuant to Government Code section 11123, subdivision (b), members of the Committee will be attending this meeting from the following teleconference locations. Members of the public are welcome to attend from these locations as well.

UC San Francisco

Laurel Heights Campus Chancellor's Room 3333 California Street San Francisco, CA 94143

Institution: UC Los Angeles

Room: 17-187 CHS

Address: 10833 Le Conte Ave Los Angeles, CA 90095 Institution: Burnham Institute

Room: Administrative Conf. Room (Bldg. 4) Address: 10901 N. Torrey Pines Road

La Jolla, CA 92037

Institution: City of Hope

Room: Administrative Conference Room, Needleman Building

Address: 1500 East Duarte Road

Duarte, CA 91010

Institution: Children's Hospital Central California

Room: G-155 (Garden Level)

Address: 9300 Valley Children's place

Madera, CA 93638

WHY:

CIRM is conducting a bidding process to determine the location of its permanent headquarters. It has asked local governments, working in partnership with building owners, to provide 17,000 square feet of office space at little or no cost. This will minimize the institute's overhead, allowing more state funds to go to stem cell research. An evaluation team of CIRM and DGS staff members reviewed proposals submitted by the March 16 deadline to decide whether they fully met the minimum requirements in the CIRM request for proposal (RFP). On April 13, the Site Search Subcommittee accepted the bids from Emeryville, Sacramento, San Diego, and San Francisco. Each of the finalists will give a tour of their facilities to the Subcommittee members, the public and the media from Friday, April 29-Sunday, May1. The Subcommittee will then consider making their first and second choice recommendations on May 2 to put forward before the ICOC on May 6.

Note to Media:

Some members of the Site Search Subcommittee may be available for comment following the meeting.